

SOCIAL STUDIES SAMPLE ITEMS



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The following are items (test questions) from Grade 8, with the standard, the most closely-related indicator, and key for that item.

Indicator 8-2.4

Which statement best describes the role of partisans during the American Revolution?

- A. They served as messengers for British troops.
- B. They cared for wounded Patriot soldiers.
- C. They fought the British by using guerilla war tactics.
- D. They served in the Continental Congress.

Key: C

Released Date: 2009

Indicator 8-5.4

What political campaign strategy did South Carolina's ex-Confederates use to appeal to voters after Reconstruction?

- A. reminding voters of lives lost in the Civil War
- B. promising to pass women's suffrage
- C. promoting the temperance movement
- D. guaranteeing the end of segregation

Key: A

Released Date: 2008

Indicators 8-5.7 & 8-5.6

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, where did many South Carolina farmers migrate?

- A. to western ranching areas
- B. to mill villages in the state
- C. to northern cities for factory jobs
- D. to nearby cities for government jobs

Key: B

Released Date: 2010

Indicators 8-7.1 & 8-7.3

Which action was one way Governor Strom Thurmond supported continued economic growth in South Carolina after World War II ?

- A. He supported increased labor union membership.
- B. He supported efforts to improve regional seaports.
- C. He supported the integration of all businesses.
- D. He supported the expansion of technical trade schools.

Key: B

Released Date: 2009

Indicator 8-7.4

What weakened the ability of South Carolina workers to demand higher wages after World War II?

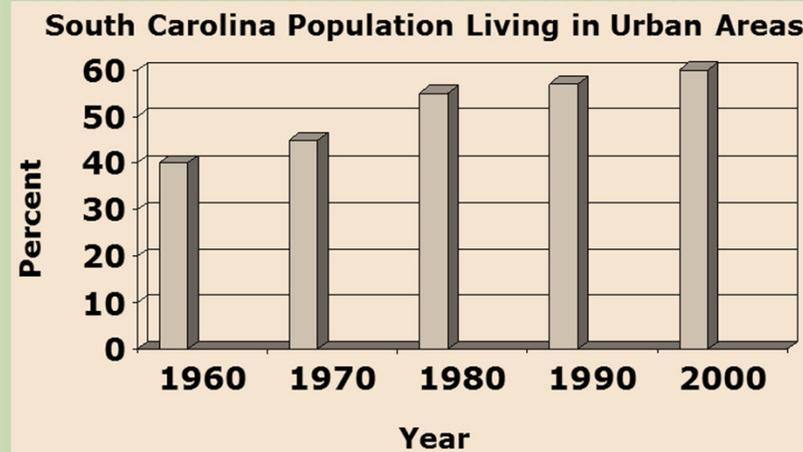
- A. improvements in factory conditions
- B. reduction in state income taxes
- C. passage of right to work laws
- D. lack of training for jobs

Key: C

Released Date: 2010

Indicator 8-7.4

Use this graph to answer the question.



What **best** explains the trend in the graph?

- A. more movement of African Americans from the state
- B. more migration of workers from South America
- C. lower production of cotton on farms
- D. lower real estate taxes on housing

Key: C

Released Date: 2010

Indicator 8-7.4

Use this graph to answer the question.



What was an economic impact of the trend shown in the graph?

- A. an increase in the demand for apparel in South Carolina
- B. increases in imports from foreign manufacturers
- C. overproduction in South Carolina factories
- D. overpricing of imported raw materials

Key: C

Released Date: 2010